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PROPOSED HEALTHY WISCONSIN PLAN WOULD MEAN BIG SAVINGS FOR TAXPAYERS IN MILWAUKEE COUNTY

County and City could save \$100 million in costs

Milwaukee, WI – Milwaukee County Supervisors John F. Weishan, Jr., and Gerry Broderick released the following statement in support of the Healthy Wisconsin Plan, under consideration by the Wisconsin State Legislature:

“Today’s action in the Intergovernmental Relations Committee shows we support the Healthy Wisconsin Plan and urge the State Legislature to include it in the 2007-2009 budget. If the plan is removed during the budget process, we still urge the Senate and the Assembly to introduce the Healthy Wisconsin plan as a stand-alone item during the current legislative session.

In addition to the benefits the plan would bring to all Wisconsin citizens, it would also give Milwaukee County some major financial advantages. The County’s employee and retiree health care costs would decrease by approximately \$52 million, while the City of Milwaukee could see \$49 million in savings. The Healthy Wisconsin plan could reduce taxes in both the County and the City by a combined \$101 million. In addition to providing important health care for all our citizens, those are some savings that we can’t ignore. And that’s why we wholeheartedly support this plan.”

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